GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PRIMITIVE TRIBALS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing policy of the Government to bring back and develop the primitive tribal groups to the mainstream;

(b) the number of primitive tribal groups alongwith their population living in Orissa as per the Census conducted in 1991 and 2001;

(c) whether the Government is aware that a primitive tribal group Mankirdia exist in Jashipur area Mayurbhanj District of Orissa and is struggling for survival; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) : The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been implementing a 100% centrally funded scheme viz. "Development of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs)" for the conservation and overall development of PTGs. The scheme is extremely flexible and it enables taking up activities like housing, land distribution, land development, agricultural development, cattle development, construction of link roads, installation of non-conventional sources of energy for lighting purpose, social security including insurance or any other innovative activity meant for the socio-economic development of PTGs. During current Plan period, the scheme is being implemented with the help of comprehensive "Conservation-cum-Development (CCD) Plan for PTGs", aiming at habitat development, formulated by various State Governments and Union Territory Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, on the basis of requirement assessed through Base Line Surveys.

(b) : As per information submitted by the State Government, there are 13 PTG communities living in the State of Orissa. The total population of PTGs of Orissa was 58225 as per 1991 Census. The PTG-wise population figure of 2001 Census is not available. However, the population of PTGs of Orissa, as per Base Line Survey conducted by the State Government during 2007 is 78519.

(c) & (d) : As per CCD Plan submitted by State Government of Orissa for the Eleventh Plan period, for the Mankirdia PTGs inhabiting Jashipur block of district Mayurbhanj, the State Government has identified certain priority areas viz. provision for providing cultivable land, housing, health facilities, residential education, connectivity, drinking water system and irrigation facilities, for attention. The Ministry has released Rs.10.00 crore during current financial year for the development of PTGs of Orissa including Mankirdia PTGs.